

Tribal and International Affairs

Activity, Accomplishments and Issues, 17—21 July 2017

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Grants Management and TEAs

- Advanced **GAP grants** mgt:
 - Continued processing of applications and awards: Sokoagon (all issues resolved), Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (Tribal response pending), Lac Courtes Oreilles (all issues resolved), Leech Lake (comments consolidated and sent to LLB).
- Advanced **Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs)**:
 - Applications and awards: Saginaw Chippewa (all issues resolved), Red Lake (program reviews pending), White Earth (tribal response pending), Bois Forte (LCD funding decision pending).
 - Incremental awards: Saginaw Chippewa (GAP, 128a), Mille Lacs (128a, 106), St Croix (128a, 106), Little River (128a, 106), Bois Forte (GAP), Notawaseppi Huron (CWA 106), Fond du Lac (GAP, 128a), Stockbridge-Munsee (GAP, special training grant from OW HQ), Prairie Island (GAP, 319 competitive grant), Shakopee (GAP), Red Cliff (GAP, 319 competitive grant), Hannahville (CWA 106), Oneida (GAP, 128a), Pokagon (CWA 106), Gun Lake (CWA 106, 128a), Lower Sioux (CWA 106, 128a), Upper Sioux (CWA 106), KBIC (CWA 106, 128a).
 - Supplemental awards: Red Cliff, Prairie Island (nationally competitive 319 grant), Stockbridge-Munsee.
 - Closeouts underway: KBIC, LVD, Lower Sioux, Gun Lake, FDL, PIIC, Shakopee, Upper Sioux.
 - Received Mille Lacs PPG closeout deliverables. Waiting on WD review. PPG closeout is overdue.
 - Engaged with LCD and ORC re Bois Forte lead program. Additional meeting planned for 2 August.
- **Environmental Justice grants** (OECA):
 - Identified technical contacts in SFD and LCD for 2 grants and sent workplans, performance logic models, and budget narratives for 2-week review and comment.
 - Completed review of 2 other EJ grant applications. Received and distributed administrative and technical comments.
- Took part in initial workgroup meeting to re-consider AIEO GAP funding allocation.
- Continued involvement in HQ discussion of Brownfields PPGs. Issue paper and procedural resolution overdue from OITA, OGD, and NPMs.
- Met with ARD staff to review requirements, roles and responsibilities for 105 grants under PPG SOP. Follow-up meeting planned.
- Identified for discussion with ARD Director staff-level issues in coordination of PPG procedures. Involved staff met to resolve procedures, clarify application of PPG SOP guidance to ARD funding.
- Participated with Grants Office to review and update tribal terms and conditions and FY 2018 workload.
- Completed writeup for External Comms re LEAN streamlining of EPA QA process.

Tribal Relations

- Reservations or communities visited: Keweenaw Bay, Lac Vieux Desert, Hannahville.
- Near-term visits planned: none.
- Continued to facilitate LUST cleanup at Lac du Flambeau. Planning for managerial meeting between LDF, WDNR and Agency overtaken by Special Tribal Council action on 13 July 2017, in which LDF withdrew from technical and managerial discussions without explanation. Re-drafted LCD/LDF/WDNR meeting invitation to recognize Council resolution and requirement that all project communication go thru LDF President. LDF rejected suggested meeting, preferring RA/President visit. Response and arrangements TBD. Technical calls continue with WDNR in absence of LDF, moving toward interim action planning.
- Responded to tribal and EPA requests for information / support / involvement in the following:
 - Tribal lands associated with NRC notification of oil/hazmat release in Winnebago County, WI (SFD).

- Copies of 1994/1996 R5 TEAs for Lower Sioux and Upper Sioux (AIEO).
- Copy of Menominee ETEP (LCD).
- Opening remarks for September 2017 NAFWS meeting (D.Harmon).
- Tribal public water supply, permit renewal at L'Anse power plant, TAS for water programs, effect on tribal fishery from sinking USCOE dock in Keweenaw Channel, updating of ETEP, status of CWA 106 and CERCLA 128(a) funding (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community).
- Solid waste program, overdue CWA 106 activities, indoor air quality program, updating of ETEP, HAZWOPR refresher training, UST compliance at local facility.
- EPA draft tribal briefing book, renewal permit for reverse osmosis plant, wellhead protection plan, PPG application for FY 2018-19 (Hannahville Indian Community).
- Post award monitoring visits (Red Lake, White Earth).

International Relations

- Began planning for foreign delegation from India re Smart Cities.
- Reviewed EPA official passport roster and procedures.

Planning

- Reviewed OITA consultation policy FAQ (Dona Harris, R5 divisions).
- Discussed 2 CAFO TCOTS entries, Badgerwood and Kretzschmar. Both entries closed in TCOTS (AIEO).
- Participated in conference call re expansion of tribal PWSS onto fee and trust land (KBIC, TIAO, ORC, WD, MDEQ). Follow-up call planned.
- Participated in conference call re TAS application for WQS (KBIC, TIAO, ORC, WD). Issues include definition of bayside boundary. Application will be re-submitted and re-distributed for state comment, due to EPA's re-interpretation of CWA as delegation of authority.
- Examined usual news publications, including Inside EPA, E&E News, E&E Daily, E&E Climate, E7E Climatewire, E&E Greenwire, EnergyWire, Native American Law Summary, Environmental Law Summary, National Academy of Sciences articles. Distributed news as appropriate to RIWG.
- Distributed latest R5TOC agenda and logistics to Tribal Caucus, RIWG, and front office. Levi Brown of Leech Lake will address Line 3 planning and MN 'EIS', in place of ORC.
- Began collecting annual appointment submittals or renewals, designating R5TOC and NTOC representatives (due 30 Sep).